

Children's Felted Mouse Slippers

knitted in Drops Alaska, then felted

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DROPS pattern no. X-025-bna*



SIZE:

(17/19 - 20/22 - 23/25) 26/28 - 29/31 - 32/34 - 35/37

To fit foot length: (11 - 13 - 15) 17 - 18 - 20 - 22 cm.

MATERIALS:

- Drops Alaska (Aran – 100% Wool, available in 50g balls):
For the blue slippers:
(100-150-150) 150-150-200-200 g colour no 57, denim blue
For the slippers with grey stripes:
(50-50-100) 100-100-100-100 g colour no 04, grey
(50-50-50) 100-100-100-100 g colour no 03, light grey
- Some left-over thin wool yarn in black and red
- A pair of 5 mm knitting needles – or size needed to get 17 sts x 22 rows in stocking st = 10 x 10 cm. After felting: approx. 20 sts x 34 rows = 10 x 10 cm.
- 2 x Drops Buffelhorn button:
For the 3 smallest sizes use the 20 mm buffelhorn button.
For the 4 largest sizes use the 25mm buffelhorn button.

**RIGHT SLIPPER:**

Worked back and forth in one piece and sewn tog mid back and mid on top of foot when finished.

If you want slippers with stripes, work 2 rows grey and 2 rows light grey alternately upwards.

Cast on (52-54-56) 60-62-66-70 sts on needle size 5 mm with denim blue or grey. Insert a marker in middle of piece. K 1 row.

Work next row as follows: * K until 1 st remains before marker, make 1 YO, K 2 sts and make 1 more YO, K the rest of row. P next row with 2 K sts in each side - PYOs twisted to avoid holes (i.e. work in back loop of st) *.

Repeat from *-* 1 more time = (56-58-60) 64-66-70-74 sts.

Continue in stocking st but work 1 st in each side K on every row.

When piece measures approx. (11-12-12) 13-14-15-15 cm (adjust so that next row is worked from RS), K the first (8-8-8) 9-9-9-9 sts before slipping them on a stitch holder (for button strap), then cast off the next (2-2-2) 2-2-3-3 sts, work the rest of row.

Turn piece and cast off the first (10-10-10) 11-11-12-12 sts = (36-38-40) 42-44-46-50 sts remain on needle. Continue in stocking st until finished measurements – AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at the beg of every row (2-2-3) 3-3-3-3 times in each side = (32-34-34) 36-38-40-44 sts.

When piece measures (18-21-24) 27-29-31-34 cm in total, K all sts tog 2 by 2 from RS.

Work 1 row without dec, then K all sts tog 2 by 2 one more time = (8-9-9) 9-10-10-11 sts remain.

Cut the thread and pull it through the remaining sts and tighten tog.

BUTTON STRAP:

Slip the (8-8-8) 9-9-9-9 sts from stitch holder back on needle size 5 mm. (On the slipper with stripes, work the entire button strap with grey.)

K back and forth (= garter st) until strap measures (8-9-10) 11-13-14-16 cm.

Now cast off the middle (2-2-2) 3-3-3-3 sts for button hole.

On next row cast on (2) 3 new sts over the cast off sts. Then dec at the end of every row by K 2 tog until only (2) 3 sts remain on needle.

Cut the thread and pull it through the remaining sts, tighten tog and fasten.

LEFT SLIPPER:

Work as right slipper until piece measures (11-12-12) 13-14-15-15 cm.

Work next row as follows:

Cast off the first (10-10-10) 11-11-12-12 sts, work the rest of row.

Turn, work the first (8-8-8) 9-9-9-9 sts and then slip them on a stitch holder, cast off the next (2-2-2) 2-2-3-3 sts = (36-38-40) 42-44-46-50 sts remain on needle.

Continue as on right slipper.

EARS:

Cast on (6-6-6) 7-7-8-8 sts on needle size 5 mm with denim blue or grey. K back and forth - AT THE SAME TIME on second row, K the last 2 sts tog.

Repeat dec at the end of every other row until all sts have been dec (dec only in one side).

Work 2 ears for each slipper.

ASSEMBLY:

Fold the slipper double and sew tog mid back and mid on top on foot – sew edge to edge in front loop of outermost st to avoid a chunky seam.

Sew ears on top of foot – fasten in the side on ears where sts were dec.

FELTING:

Place the slippers in the washing machine with a detergent without enzymes and optical bleach. Wash at 40 degrees with normal spin but no pre-wash.

After wash shape the slippers to the right size while still wet and leave to dry flat. At subsequent wash, wash the slippers at regular wool programme.

FACE:

Embroider on a red mouth and black eyes, nose and whiskers as on picture.

BUTTON:

Sew on 1 button on each slipper so that they fit the button holes.

Try the slipper on to ensure correct width around the ankle.

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